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SUBJECT: ECONADS: UK CIRCULATES EC-9 PAPER ON ECE 32ND
SSSION AND CSCE REVIEW

UK ECONAD REP (HULSE) HAS CIRCULATED, IN FRENCH, BUT
NOMINALLY AS A UK DELEGATION PAPER, AN EC-9 BASKET II
EXPERT WORKING GROUP REPORT ONTHTHE APRIL ECE SESSION AND ITS
CONSEQUENCES FOR BELGRADE 77. OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION
FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

--CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESULTS OF THE XXXIIND SESSION OF
THE EEC FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE--

1. RESULTS OF THE SESSION.

THE DOMINANT PROBLEM IN THE SESSION WAS, AS EXPECTED, THAT
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OF WHAT THE FATE WOULD BE OF THE BREZHNEZ PROPOSALS FOR
PAN-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES IN THE FIELDS OF ENERGY, TRANSPORT
AND ENVIRONMENT.

AFTER MULTIPLE VICISSITUDES--AMONG WHICH A SOVIET
THREAT TO SUSPEND SINE DIE THE WORK OF THE SESSION--
THE SESSION ADOPTED A TEXT ON HOLDING A HIGH LEVEL

MEETING ON THE PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, A TEXT WHICH IS ENTERED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DECISION OF THE COMMUNITY'S MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF 18 APRIL AND IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL IN MARCH. IN FACT, NO FORMAL DECISION OF PRINCIPLE FOR HOLDING A CONFERENCE WAS TAKEN; THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES ONLY THAT THE POSSIBLE DECISION TO HOLD A MEETING WILL BE TAKEN AT THE XXXIIIIRD SESSION IN A YEAR, ON THE BASIS OF EEC PREPARATORY REPORTS AND OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CRITERIA (CORRESPONDING TO THOSE ENVISAGED IN THE COMMUNITY'S DRAFT RESOLUTION). MOREOVER, THE POSSIBLE MEETING MUST BE HELD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EEC.

THEREFORE, THE SOVIETS LOST DEFINITELY THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING THE "GREAT PAN-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES" THEY HAD ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED, FOR ALL THE WORK FORESEEN AND ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS VOICED CONCERN "HIGH LEVEL MEETING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EEC". HOWEVER, THE FINAL RESOLUTION "CALLS THE ATTENTION "OF THE GOVERNMENTS TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORTS, RECALLS THE SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENTS STUDY IT AND INVITES THE SECRETARY TO CIRCULATE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

THIS TEXT WILL FURNISH, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, A BASIS FOR THE DELEGATES OF THE EASTERN COUNTRIES TO REVERT TO THE QUESTION ON ALL OCCASIONS.

2. CONSEQUENCES FOR BELGRADE

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(A) THE NEXT STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN BELGRADE, WHERE THE EAST WILL ATTEMPT, DOUBTLESS, TO OBTAIN GREATER CERTAINTY ABOUT HOLDING THE MEETING.

(B) THE SOVIET UNION CAN PRIDE ITSELF ON THE FACT THAT AT LEAST MR. BREZHNEV'S IDEAS HAVE MET WITH SUCH INTEREST OF THE WEST TO DENY THIS; WE COULD THUS SAY AT BELGRADE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE EEC SESSION DEMONSTRATE OUR SERIOUS DESIRE TO STUDY THE REAL POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THE USELESSNESS OF A NEW DEBATE ON THIS MATTER FOR WHICH, FROM NOW ON, THE EEC IS COMPETENT AND TO ESTIMATE THE RESULTS OF JOINT STUDIES SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDGED.

(C) THE EAST CAN PERHAPS TRY TO OBTAIN AT BELGRADE PRECISE DETAILS ON THE LEVEL FOR THE MEETING, ON THE DATE AND ON THE PLACE (THIS LAST POINT WAS NOT SPECIFIED AT THE SESSION, AS THE EAST REFUSED OUR FORMULA ACCORDING

TO WHICH "THE NORMAL HOLDING OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED IN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EEC IS AT GENEVA".

HERE TOO, THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THESE
MATTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE EEC, THAT
EXCELLENT DECISIONS WERE TAKEN, AND THAT THERE EXISTS NO
NEX ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD INCITE US TO COME BACK ON ITS
DECISIONS OR TO INTERFERE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK IN
COURSE.

(D) IF THE EAST RAISES THE QUESTION OF THE BREZHNEV PRO-

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POSALS ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE
TO DEFEND THE THESIS THAT IT HAD ALREADY MADE ITS VIEWS
KNOWN ON THIS MATTER IN ITS 18 MARCH 1977 LETTER AND THAT
THE DEBATE IS CLOSED. THE ACTUAL WORDING OF THE FINAL
RESOLUTION, IN EVOKING THE PROPOSALS "OF THE SOVIET
GOVERNMENT" IN THE MATTERS OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, SHOWS
CLEARLY THAT EVERYTHING THAT WAS ENVISAGED CONCERNING THE
WORK TO UNDERTAKE RESULTS FROM THE PROPOSALS OF MR.
STANOVNIK, WHILE FOR THESE FIELDS, WHICH REPRESENT SOME-
THING ELSE, NOTHING HAS BEEN ENVISAGED. END TEXT.STREATOR

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